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Sir:

In compliance with 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants bring to the attention of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office information listed on the enclosed PTO-1449 and PTO-892 from the parent application.

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